

Newark, NJ Broadside
June, 1980

RALLY
TO SUPPORT DR. KENO
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1980
AT 10.00 A.M.
ROOM C-677
BASIC SCIENCE BUILDING
NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL
100 BERGEN STREET NEWARK, N. J.
DEBORAH KENO M.P.H., M.D.

Dr. Keno is a first year resident in Ophthalmology at New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry. She is licenced to practice medicine in three states and has impeccable academic credentials having earned both a Masters degree in Public Health and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the prestigious Johns Hopkins University. However, being a life long resident of New Jersey and recognizing the shortage of Black Ophthalmologists in the State of New Jersey, Dr. Keno returned to New Jersey to train as the only full time Black Ophthalmology resident in the state. Her problems in this, "Jilly White," program began during her first week of residency when because of her religious beliefs she resisted swearing an oath that residents of this program are required to swear. During the following year, Dr. Keno endured harassment and discrimination designed to make her give up her efforts to become a specialist in Ophthalmology. Finally when all efforts to intimidate her and break her spirit had failed, the Department of Ophthalmology exercised its option to not renew her contract (Fire her). The reason they cited, she does not get along with her instructors.

Black Medics of Newark supports Dr. Keno. We would like you to come to the rally to let Dr. Keno's instructors know that we will not get along with them either unless Dr. Keno's contract is renewed. Dr. Keno also has the support of P.A.T.C.H. and the Concerned Citizens Committee.